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Attorney Docket No. CENT/001 CPA RCE



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Chen et al.

Application No. : 08/704,445 Confirmation No. : 9201

Filed : August 26, 1996

For : METHODS FOR PREVENTING DEPLETION OF
NON-AUTOLOGOUS HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS AND
ANIMAL MODEL SYSTEMS FOR USE THEREOF

Group Art Unit : 1632

Examiner : Ram R. Shukla

New York, New York 10020
December 1, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the September 29, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the above application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notice, together with a check for \$110.00 to cover the extension fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), 1.17(a)). With the extension, this response is due on December 1, 2003 (November 29, 2003 being a Saturday).

The Notice states that the amendment filed is non-compliant because a complete listing of all of the claims is

not present in the amendment. Accordingly, applicants submit a complete listing of claims, beginning on page 3.

Prior to continued substantive examination of this RCE application, applicants request that the following amendments be entered:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.